Indigenous production of LPG cylinders

1178. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the indigenous production of LPG cylinders are sufficient to meet the requirements of the oil companies for supply of cooking gas;

(b) whether I.S.I. specifications are strictly adhered to in the manufacture of cylinders;

(c) whether it is a fact that the cylinders sold as scrap are finding way back to the market through the collusion of unscrupulous businessmen and officials of oil companies and this has resulted in many accidents recently; and

(d) what measures are being taken by Government to ensure that only good quality cylinders are supplied to the consumers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) LPG cylinders are procured by the oil industry directly from a cylinder manufacturer only after he obtains the ISI certification. LPG is supplied to the customers in these cylinders owned by oil companies. All cylinders are visually inspected at the bottling plant before each filling. The cylinders in use by the oil industry are subjected to statutory testing every five year. All the defective/suprious cylinders detected at manufacturers' end or at bottling plants are compressed and deshaped into flat sheets before being sold as scrap to ensure that they are not reintroduced in the market.

Amalgamation of Praga Tools Ltd. with H. M. T.

1179. SHRIMATI RENUKA CHOWDHURY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to make the Praga Tools Ltd. a subsidiary of the Hindustan Machine Tools; and

(b) if so, what are the details of the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI K. K. TEWARI): (a) and (b) Government have decided that Praga Tool's Limited would become a subsidiary of HMT Limited. Action is being taken to complete the statutory requirements.

Electoral reforms

1180. SHRI ATAL BIHARI VAJPAYEE:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI LAL K. ADVANI:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:
SHRI CHITTA BASU:

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question 2015 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 17th March, 1986 and state:

(a) whether Government have since completed the detailed examination and formulated views on the various proposals for electoral reforms, so as to hold consultations with different political parties; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) Government are yet to complete detailed examination and formulation of preliminary views on the various proposals for electoral reforms. In this context attention of the Members is invited to the replies given earlier to Unstarred Question